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NOTICE OF ELECTION
1998 State Election

Eligible State members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will have an opportunity this year to elect a representative on the CalPERS Board of Administration. The term of the incumbent, William D. Crist, will expire January 15, 1999. The new term of office will begin January 16, 1999, and run through January 15, 2003. As of February 20, 1998, the incumbent has announced his intention to run for re-election. Persons interested in obtaining the CalPERS Board election regulations should contact the Board Elections Office at the above telephone number.

PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING A CANDIDATE

Eligibility—An eligible active State member may be nominated if the active member is currently employed by a CalPERS-covered agency on the date of this Notice.

Nomination—Each potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition form, PERS-BRD-74, which is endorsed by at least 250 active State members of CalPERS. ONLY a Nomination Petition supplied by CalPERS, or a copy of that form will be acceptable. Nomination Petitions are available through the Board Elections Office at the above telephone number. ALL NOMINATION PETITIONS CONTAINING ORIGINAL SIGNATURES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CalPERS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE IN SACRAMENTO, NO LATER THAN THE MAY 26, 1998, 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

Petition Requirements

1. The petition will include the following information about the nominee:

a. First name, middle initial, last name;

b. Social Security Number which will be used to verify membership;

c. Agency where currently employed;

d. Address and telephone number where he/she can be reached; and

e. Signature of Nominee consenting to nomination.
2. The petition must contain original signatures, endorsed by at least two hundred and fifty (250) active State members of CalPERS which includes:

a. The clearly printed or typewritten name of each member;

b. The signature of each member endorsing the petition beneath each printed or typewritten name;

c. The **clearly** printed Social Security Number of each member must be included to **verify** CalPERS membership otherwise the endorsement will not be counted.

Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement Forms—The Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement forms will be provided to the nominee with the Nomination Petition. The nominee will be notified by telephone as to whether or not the eligibility and nomination requirements have been met.

Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form—Each candidate must certify on a form provided by CalPERS that he/she accepts the nomination, consents to serve if elected and agrees to abide by a drawing of lots by the Secretary of State in case of a tied vote. CANDIDATES MUST RETURN THE NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE/BALLOT DESIGNATION FORM, WHICH MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CalPERS HEADQUARTERS IN SACRAMENTO, NO LATER THAN THE JUNE 8, 1998, 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

A candidate who decides to withdraw candidacy after submitting his/her certified Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation form, must notify the Board Elections Office by telephone and follow-up in writing within five (5) working days following the nomination acceptance deadline date, in order to have his/her name removed from the ballot and Candidate Statements.

Candidate Statement Form—Each candidate may submit a brief factual, biographical description of no more than 150 words regarding his/her qualifications for distribution with the ballot. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT IS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE/BALLOT DESIGNATION FORM, WHICH MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CalPERS HEADQUARTERS IN SACRAMENTO, NO LATER THAN THE JUNE 8, 1998, 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

NOMINEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN COMPLETED FORMS PRIOR TO THE JUNE 8, 1998, DEADLINE.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

CalPERS State members who are active on August 1, 1998, are eligible to vote in this election.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

DEADLINE	ACTION
May 18, 1998	Deadline for agencies to appoint an Agency Election Officer to post and disseminate the Notice of Election, and in October, to promptly distribute ballots to identified eligible active members who did not receive their ballot through CalPERS direct mailing process.
May 26, 1998	Deadline for receipt of Nomination Petitions.
June 8, 1998	Deadline for receipt of Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation and Candidate Statement forms.
June 24, 1998	Random drawing for the order of candidate names on the ballot.
October 1, 1998	Ballots mailed directly to eligible active members. Election material and ballots, undeliverable through CalPERS direct mailing process, mailed to agencies for prompt distribution to identified eligible active members.
October 30, 1998	Ballots returned to CalPERS by the post office, mailed to agencies for prompt distribution to identified eligible active members.
November 6, 1998	Agency Election Officer must distribute all ballot packages to identified eligible active members, certify to the delivery of ballots on a form provided by the System, and return the certified form by this date. Any eligible member not receiving a ballot by this date, should contact the Board Elections Office at the telephone number above.
November 30, 1998	Voted ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS in the postage paid envelope, or another comparable envelope on or before this date to be counted. The reverse side of the postage paid or comparable envelope MUST BE SIGNED by the voter only, otherwise the ballot will not be counted.
December 1 - 14, 1998	Beginning in the morning on December 1 st at the location designated by CalPERS, the sealed, signed envelopes containing the ballots will be opened and the ballots removed. Thereafter the ballots will be tabulated. The candidate having the highest number of votes, or the winning lot as drawn by the Secretary of State in case of a tied vote, will be certified by the Secretary of State, to the Governor and CalPERS Board of Administration, as having been elected.

For questions, general information, nomination petition requests or ballot requests, contact the Board Elections Office through the automated telephone system at the above telephone number, or write to the Board Elections Office at the above address.